

Kansas World Language Association Constitution
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I. Name

The name of this association shall be the Kansas World Language Association.

II. Purpose

The object of this Association shall be to promote and improve the teaching of world languages and cultures, to provide continuing professional development, and to encourage the spirit of cooperation among world language educators.

III. Membership

- A. Any world language teacher or anyone interested in the teaching of world languages may become a member of the Association upon payment of annual dues or life membership, as defined in the By-laws.
- B. Members shall receive all Bulletins and mailings issued by the Association and shall be entitled to attend Association Conferences.
- C. No member in default shall be qualified to exercise any privilege of membership.
- D. Honorary members may be elected to the Association.

IV. Executive Council

- A. The voting officers of the Association shall be the elected President, Immediate Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. Executive Council members may not be elected to more than two consecutive terms in the same office. After a one-term interval has passed, former executive council members are eligible to run for any office.
- C. All elected members of the Executive Council shall have had experience teaching a world language or preparing world language teachers; they must have been a member of KSWLA a minimum of two years prior to their nomination for an office.
- D. Election, by simple majority, shall take place at the Annual Conference, and officers will assume their duties at the close of the same meeting. Terms of office shall be as follows:
 - 1. The President shall serve for one year, then as immediate past President one year.
 - 2. The Vice-President shall serve for one year, then assume the office of President for one year.
 - 3. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve two-year terms. The term of office for the Secretary shall begin in an alternate year to the term of office for the Treasurer.
 - 4. Duties of the executive council members are stipulated in the association's By-laws.

V. Administration

- A. The voting members of the Executive Council shall administer the affairs of the Association: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President. The Executive Secretary and appointed On-site Chairs will assist the Executive Council.
- B. The Executive Council shall include the following non-voting members: representatives of foreign language teaching organizations that hold membership in KSWLA such as Kansas's chapters of the AATF, AATG, AATSP, and KS-FLES and any Assistant Editor(s) of the Bulletin.
- C. The Executive Council, of which the President of the Association shall be chairperson, shall take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the Association and promote its interests. The Executive Council shall make a report of its activities at the Annual Conference. The President shall appoint all special committees as the need arises.
- D. The President, or designated alternate, shall serve as the Association's delegate to Central States Conference and ACTFL.

VI. Official Bulletin of the Association

- A. The Official publication of the Association shall be known as the Bulletin of the Kansas World Language Association.
- B. The Executive Secretary shall serve as the Editor of the Bulletin.

VII. Conferences

- A. The Association shall hold an Annual Conference at such time and such place as the Executive Council may select.
- B. The President and Vice-President shall appoint an On-site Conference Chair.

VIII. Change of Constitution

- A. The Constitution shall be reviewed annually (in the spring) by the Executive Council.
- B. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Annual Conference after a notice of proposed changes has appeared in an official association publication. Constitutional amendments become effective immediately after approval by the membership.

IX. Change of By-laws

- A. The By-laws shall be reviewed annually (in the spring) by the Executive Council.
- B. The By-laws may be amended at the Annual Conference of the Association by a majority vote of the members present after notice of such changes in an official association publication. Amendments to the By-laws become effective immediately after approval by the membership.